

House Resolution 753

By: Representative Parsons of the 42nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and congratulating the Alan C. Pope High School rugby team, Athletic
2 Director Clay Osbourne, and Coaches Stephen Dimino and Billy Johnson; and for other
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, through hard work and dedication, Pope High School has become one of three
5 Georgia high schools to successfully form a high school rugby team; and

6 WHEREAS, under the dedicated leadership of Coaches Osbourne, Dimino, and Johnson, this
7 team excelled at their first game on Friday, March 11, 2005; and

8 WHEREAS, the team benefits from the support and sponsorship of Jim Haskin, who has
9 generously lent his time and resources to this praiseworthy endeavor; and

10 WHEREAS, rugby is a world-wide recognized sport that entertains millions across the globe
11 and is complete with a colorful history dating back to the 19th century and a recognized place
12 in Georgia since 1966; and

13 WHEREAS, due to the action of the student athletes on the Pope High School Rugby team,
14 including team captain and club founder Nick Burgess and players Nathan Bruce, Justin
15 Schramper, Dylan Banks, Joseph Ahern, Austin Ehlers, Patrick Hatcher, Josh Raxter, Alex
16 Baker, Ike Muna, Ryan Buckley, Ben Allumbough, Greg Szewczyk, Chris Woomer, Jared
17 Shababy, Brian McCarron, Jason McNiel, Jullan Harding, Michael Wohlfrom, Chris
18 Wohlfrom, Graham Barber, Justin Drum, Chris D'Adamo, Jared Swanson, Jeff Sinsley, Zach
19 Capland, Jake Walther, and Nick Giometti, the sport of rugby will continue to spread beyond
20 the collegiate and recreational levels throughout the State of Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, participation in sports teaches hard work, integrity, self-discipline, and the value
22 of teamwork and, therefore, should be attempted by all young adults; and

1 WHEREAS, taking the initiative to form this new team demonstrates valuable leadership
2 skills to their peers and will contribute greatly to their future as productive citizens in their
3 community.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body join in commending and congratulating the coaches and players
6 of the Alan C. Pope High School rugby team.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Pope High School rugby
9 team.